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TO: School District Superintendents
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DATE: September 10, 2012

SUBJECT: 2012 WDE613-Gifted and Talented Data Collection

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – TIME SENSITIVE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) announces the 2012 WDE613-Gifted and Talented data collection.

This memorandum provides details for the 2012-2013 school collection, including the firm timeline for the data collection.

Information on the WDE613 Collection

What is the WDE613 data collection?

The WDE613 collects information pertaining to the district's methods of identifying gifted and talented students. This collection also requires districts to explain the programs in place to support this sub group.

Who is this Superintendent's Memo intended for?

This memo is intended for district WISE Coordinators, Business Managers and anyone that may have knowledge of the WDE 613 Gifted and Talented Summary submission.

What has changed since last year's WDE613 data collection?

The WDE613 steward for the collection has changed and is now Brian Aragon. Please view the 613 guidebook for any updates on where to access the collection form. The form itself has not changed from last year. The collection timeline has been slightly modified and will now open October 1, 2012 and close on November 2, 2012. This timeline is firm and the deadline may not be extended.

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How will the data be submitted?

The guidebook provides detailed instructions for correct data submission.

Where are the collection documents posted?

The current Gifted and Talented Summary document and guidebook are available on the Data Collection Suite via the WDE613 tab at

<http://edu.wyoming.gov/DataInformationAndReporting/DataCollectionSuite.aspx>

What can I do to prepare now prior to submitting this collection on time?

The WDE613 Summary is collected in a narrative format. It will be most beneficial for the district coordinator completing this summary to start surveying the elementary schools, middle schools and high schools on their methods of identifying and providing instruction to gifted and talented student populations. Having this information on hand when the collection opens will ensure a timely submission of the WDE613 G/T Summary.

Whom do I contact for more information?

If you have any questions regarding the content of the WDE613, please contact Brian Aragon at brian.aragon@wyo.gov or 307-777-8505

If you have any questions regarding submission of the WDE613, please contact Elizabeth Foster at elizabeth.foster@wyo.gov, or 307-777-7009.

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